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Dear Mr May - Your letter, via R. J. Hann, has come to hand announcing the approach of the book - which, however has not yet appeared. As soon as it comes, it shall have my best attention. Meanwhile I want your attention in a matter that I should have written about long before. It has been for a good while in Mrs Estlin's mind that she would like to see a readable Life of Mrs Bram published on the side of the ocean. Aspaten's book is in very bad taste, full of verbiage & extravagant talk and containing much irrelevant matter. It is badly divided & badly arranged. The worst part is fully displayed in large type & Brown's trial & letters which are the cream of the whole, are printed in type so thick that it is difficult to read it. There is also some trashy poetry & a great quantity



of needless blank pages which had better  
have been expended in making ~~the~~  
room for larger type where required.

My Wife & I desire Mrs Webb has re-  
written & greatly compressed the beginning  
of Respetter's book - bringing events  
into their proper places, and taking  
down the style. I have been abridging  
the latter portions by making my needless  
paragraphs, words, phrases, incidents  
& descriptions, trying to give Brown as  
much prominence & Respetter as little  
as possible. The intention is to make  
the book as cheap as is consistent with  
sufficient balance in the correction &  
to get subscribers for the cost before attempting  
the publication. My Wife & I intend, I believe,  
to help in this way. I had an idea  
that in addition to this book Respetter  
published another containing supplementary  
information respecting Brown this con-  
fiderates. Perhaps he only spoke of  
doing so. On looking over the Standard  
& Liberator I can find no mention  
of this book but may have been all a dream.



My present duty is to ask if you know of  
any such information, & to send it to me  
if to be had with as little delay as possible  
in order that it may appear in the  
book if we publish it. There was a  
copy of which in the Standard at  
the time of the Harper Ferry affair  
in which the views of the abolitionists  
with regard to it were admirably  
set forth. This, I think should give;  
also any information that can be  
readily obtained respecting the extent  
of assistance which was extended to  
J. B.'s family and their present circum-  
stances as far as it would be right to  
mention them. I doubt if any ho-  
sopher ever sacrificed a great ~~dear~~ theme  
to his own vanity more completely than  
did Respublic. What a broken heart child  
would have written if she had had the  
chance.

For us here it seems that the lady has  
now a grand opportunity of throwing her  
heaviest & heaviest load off her shoulder if  
she had the <sup>spirit, or virtue</sup> [chance]. But there are  
here so blind as there that would see.



I wonder have you any opportunity of  
seeing Fraser's (London Monthly Magazine)  
in Boston. It is, you will like the part  
which calls The American Slave.  
I have selected some selected extracts for  
the next ~~hottest~~ <sup>hottest</sup>. Also some invaluable  
testimony respecting the British West  
Indies from a very much book published  
last year by Charles Buxton, M.P. in  
support of the movement for Free Buxton.  
It is the fullest & most conclusive  
testimony as to the extraordinary ~~benefit~~  
improvement in all respects resulting  
from the abolition of Slavery in those  
islands I have ever seen. If you are  
able conveniently to get me the infor-  
mation I want to order with partly  
defaced or its present transmitters.  
Perhaps some Boston bookseller would  
send it via London - perhaps it had  
better come direct by some Parcel Company  
to his power. I had a most interesting &  
cordial letter from Quincy a few weeks ago.  
It is long since I heard from Mrs Chapman.  
Ever most truly yours  
Wm Lloyd Garrison